GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1118
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BIS CERTIFICATION OF CNG CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated a plan for compulsory BIS certification of CNG cylinders/units considering the large number of spurious CNG cylinders in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): CNG cylinders are covered under Gas Cylinder Rules, 1981 and Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) is the statutory authority to accord permission for manufacture and their filling in India. As per the requirements of the CCOE, Seamless Cylinders manufactured as per IS 7285 : 1988 are inspected/certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) through operation of BIS Certification Scheme under which a licence for use of ISI Mark is granted to the manufacturer. Imports of CNG cylinders have also been permitted by the Chief Controller of Explosives under the provisions of the Gas Cylinder Rules which are inspected by Inspection Agencies approved by CCOE. Enforcement of various provisions of the Gas Cylinder Rules rests with CCOE.

(c) : Does not arise.